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SUBJECT: US-USSR AGREEMENT ON AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION:

1976 US WINTER GRAIN TEAM

1. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED PROGRAM AND ITINERARY FOR 1976 WINTER
GRAIN TEAM: PLEASE PASS TO KOVALEV:

(A) DATES--JUNE 14-JULY 3

(B) TEAM MEMBERS--MR. J. ASCHWEGE, USDA/SRS, LINCOLN, NEBRASKA
MR. G. PAIGE, USDA/FEES, STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA
(ERD MEMBER, TO NAMED SHORTLY)

(C) TEAM OBJECTIVES--STUDY PRACTICAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF
GRAIN PRODUCTION, PARTICULARLY IN REGIONS CHARACTERIZED BY
WIDELY VARYING CLIMATIC CONDITONS.

THIS TEAM WILL DEVOTE PARTICULAR STUDY TO THE CURRENT GENERAL
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CONDITION OF GRAIN FIELDS IN THE AREAS TO BE VISITED, AND TO

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THOSE FIELD CONDITIONS, THE WEATHER OF THE CURRENT GROWING SEASON, AND PREVAILING CULTURAL PRACTICES IN EACH AREA. THE MEMBERS WILL BE GENERALLY CONCERNED WITH SEASONAL FLUCTUATION OF GRAIN OUTTURN PER UNIT OF LAND AREA, AND PARTICULARLY WITH THE BROAD EXTENT TO WHICH SUCH FLUCTUATIONS ARE LIKELY TO OCCUR IN THE CURRENT SEASON IN EACH OF THE AREAS VISITED. TO ACHIEVE THESE OBJECTIVES, THIS TEAM MUST DEVOTE ITS SCHEDULE TO A SERIES OF DAILY AUTOMOBILE TOURS, EXTENDING BETWEEN PARTICULAR POINTS AS SPECIFIED BELOW, THOUGH NOT NECESSARILY FOLLOWING PARTICULAR ROUTES OR ROADWAYS. EACH SUCH DAILY TOUR SHOULD INCLUDE SEVERAL BRIEF STOPS TO PERMIT CLOSER STUDY OF FIELD CONDITIONS AND/OR BRIEF VERBAL EXCHANGES WITH FARM EQUIPMENT OPERATORS OR OTHER FARM OFFICIALS. SOME OF THESE TOURS MAY, IF CONVENIENT TO HOST OFFICIALS AND TO THE ROUTE BEING TAKEN, ALSO INCLUDE A VISIT TO EITHER A FARM HEADQUARTERS SITE, OR TO AN APPROPRIATE GRAIN PRODUCTION INSTITUTE OR RESEARCH FACILITY.

(D) BACKGROUND--MEMBERS OF THIS TEAM ARE NOT SCIENTISTS IN A SPECIALIZED ASPECT OF GRAIN PRODUCTION, BUT THEY ARE SPECIALISTS IN THE OVERALL SUBJECT OF GRAIN, EACH WITH PARTICULAR EXPERIENCE FOR EVALUATION OF CROP GROWING CONDITIONS AND OUTTURN POTENTIAL. MEMBERS OF THIS TEAM HAVE EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE WITH THE GENERAL STUDY OF GRAIN CROPS AND THE INTERRELATION BETWEEN CROPS AND CLIMATIC VARIATIONS FROM YEAR TO YEAR.

(E) REQUESTED SCHEDULE OF STUDY-TOURS:

DATE	STUDY ACTIVITY
JUNE 16	STUDY-TOUR, FROM KIEV TO CHERKASSY TO KIROVGRAD
JUNE 17	STUDY-TOUR, *49. (849; & 4-\$ 59 (#34 9,
'7,3 18	STUDY-TOUR, FROM KHERSON TO ZAPOROZHYE TO DONETSK
JUNE 22	STUDY-TOUR, FROM ROSTOV TO ZERNOGRAD TO SALS K
JUNE 23	STUDY-TOUR, FROM SALS K TO STAVROPOL
JUNE 25	STUDY-TOUR, FROM VORONEZH TO BORISOGLEBSK
JUNE 26	STUDY-TOUR, FROM BORISOGLEBSK TO VOLGOGRAD

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JUNE 28	STUDY-TOUR, GRAIN FIELDS IN VOLGOGRAD VICINITY
JUNE 30/JULY 1	STUDY-TOUR, SARATOV TO PENZA

(F) DEPENDING UPON ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES AT CERTAIN OF THE POINTS WHERE AN INDIVIDUAL STUDY-TOUR IS TO EITHER BEGIN OR END, CERTAIN ADDITIONAL STUDY ACTIVITIES WOULD PROVIDE A VALUABLE SUPPLEMENT TO THE ACTIVITIES LISTED ABOVE. FOR EXAMPLE, IF

ARRIVAL IN THE ROSTOV AREA ON JUNE 21 SHOULD BE EARLY ENOUGH TO PERMIT, A GRAIN RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN THAT VICINITY MIGHT BE VISITED LATER ON THAT DAY. SIMILARLY, AN INSTITUTE MIGHT BE VISITED IN THE VORONEZH VICINITY ON THE DAY OF ARRIVAL, JUNE 24, IF TIME PERMITS. ANOTHER POSSIBLE POINT WHEN SUCH A VISIT MIGHT BE ADDED TO THE PROGRAM WOULD BE VOLGOGRAD ON JUNE 28. OPPORTUNITIES TO EXCHANGE GREETINGS AND HOLD BRIEF DISCUSSIONS WITH APPROPRIATE SPECIALISTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WILL, OF COURSE, BE WELCOME AND APPRECIATED.

(G)AS FOR OTHER TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS, TEAM WILL ARRIVE MOSCOW JUNE 14 AND DEPART FROM USSR ON JULY 3. AIR TRAVEL WITHIN USSR, BASED ON ABOVE STUDY PLANS, SHOULD BE ARRANGED AS FOLLOWS:

JUNE 15 PM	MOSCOW-KIEV
JUNE 19 LATE PM	DONETSK-SIMFEROPOL
JUNE 21 AM	SIMFEROPOL-ROSTOV
JUNE 24	STAVROPOL-VORONEZH
JUNE 29	VOLGOGRAD-SARATOV
JULY 1 LATE PM	PENZA-MOSCOW

2. FYI - AS AG ATTACHE IS AWARE, ABOVE LISTING OF STUDY-TOURS SELECTED SO AS TO COMPLEMENT AND NOT DUPLICATE PLANNED TRAVEL FROM ATTACHE OFFICE DISCUSSED PRIOR TO ATTACHE DEPARTURE WASHINGTON. IN CONVEYING ABOVE PROGRAM TO USSR SECRETARIAT, ATTACHE SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT THE ADDITIONAL SPECIFICITY AS COMPARED WITH PROGRAMS REQUESTED FOR THESE TEAMS IN THE PAST REFLECTS DESIRE TO MINIMIZE IMPOSITION UPON TIME AND ACTIVITIES OF HOST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OFFICIALS, BOTH DURING THE COURSE OF THE VISIT AND IN PRIOR PLANNING TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN POINTS OF REQUESTED STUDY. THE SOVIETS UNDERSTAND FULL WELL BY NOW REAL PURPOSE OF THESE VISITS, AND OUR HOPE IS THAT IF WE GO TO THE EXTRA EFFORT OF EXPLAINING SIMPLY THAT WE WISH TO TRAVEL BETWEEN POINTS A & B, C & D, ETC., AND THAT WE DONTWISH TO IMPOSE UPON THE VALUABLE TIME OF LOCAL OFFICIALS, PERHAPS THE CLARIFICATION WILL BE WELCOME AND OUR BASIC PURPOSES WILL BE BETTER MET. SHOULD QUESTION OF ALTERNATIVE STUDY-TOUR ROUTES ARISE, YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT WE NEED THESE TO HAVE A SERIES OF REPRESENTATIVE TOURS THROUGH THOSE PRODUCING REGIONS WHICH ARE COMMONLY AFFECTED BY RATHER WIDE VARIATIONS IN CROP OUTTURN FROM ONE YEAR TO NEXT. SIMILARLY, YOU SHOULD INSIST THAT OUR ACCESS TO A SERIES OF SUCH REPRESENTATIVE ROUTES FOR STUDY OF GROWING CROPS CONTINUES TO BE REGARDED AS AN ESSENTIAL

ELEMENT OF THE AGRICULTURAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.
YOU COULD ALSO INDICATE THAT THIS PROGRAM BEING SUBMITTED
SOMEWHAT IN ADVANCE OF THE DEADLINE DATE IN ORDER TO ASSURE
MINIMUM INCONVENIENCE TO USSR SECRETARIAT, AND TO GIVE
ADDED OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDY ACTIVITIES TO BE ARRANGED AS
REQUESTED.

3. IF APPROPRIATE, YOU MAY POINT OUT THAT PREDECESSOR TEAMS IN
1974 AND 1975 SPENT LARGE PORTIONS OF THEIR TIME AT RESEARCH
INSTITUTES AND EXPERIMENT FARMS IN STAVROPOL, PRIKUMSK,
KRASNODAR, DONETSK, KHARKOV, CHERKASSY, POLTAVA AND VOLGOGRAD;
REPETITION OF THIS APPROACH WILL NOT MEET OBJECTIVES OF THIS TEAM
FRANKLY, EVEN IF NEW INSTITUTES ARE SUBSTITUTED, RESULT WOULD
LARGELY BE A WASTE OF TIME FOR BOTH VISITORS AND HOST OFFICIALS.

4. IF YOU FEEL ANY QUESTION EXISTS AS REGARDS AUTO-HIRE EXPENSES
FOR EACH OF THE REQUESTED AUTO "STUDY-TOURS," BE SURE TO
INDICATE THAT, EXCEPT FOR LOCAL TRAVEL (SUCH AS REQUESTED
VOLGOGRAD 6/28), VISITING TEAM WILL BEAR THIS COST, THOUGH FOR
ONLY ONE VEHICLE.

5. WE ARE AWARE THIS PROPOSED PROGRAM INCLUDES MANY LOCALITIES
OFF THE INTOURIST ROUTE AND THAT SOVIETS MIGHT BE DISINCLINED
TO APPROVE SUCH ITINERARY BECAUSE OF LACK OF INTOURIST ACCOM-
MODATIONS. SHOULD THIS SITUATION ARISE, ATTACHE SHOULD POINT
OUT THAT TEAM WILLING TO OVERNIGHT AT FARMS, INSTITUTES, ETC.,
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AND THAT LACK OF MORE COMFORTABLE ACCOMMODATIONS SHOULD NOT BE
REASON TO PREVENT STUDY-TOURS FROM BEING ARRANGED AS PER
LOCATIONS REQUESTED. SHOULD ALSO POINT OUT THAT PROPOSED
TRAVEL SCHEDULE UNDER OUTLINE PARA (G) ABOVE ALLOWS FOR TWO
WEEKEND REST PERIODS, PERHAPS 1 AND 1 AND
ONE HALF DAYS EACH, WITH FIRST ONE BEING SIMFEROPOL (YALTA)
AND SECOND ONE VOLGOGRAD. END FYI KISSINGER

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